

CLAIMS

1. An information kiosk comprising:

a first output device to provide information to the user of the kiosk, wherein the user perceives information from the first output device using a first sense;

a second output device to provide information to the user of the kiosk, wherein the user perceives information from the second output device using a second sense different from the first sense;

a first input device, wherein the user inputs information via the first input device using a first physical action;

a second input device, wherein the user inputs information via the second input device using a second physical action different than the first physical action;

a storage device to retain information for output to the user; and

a recording device to record information input by the user.

2. The kiosk of claim 1, wherein the information retained for output to the user is ballot information and wherein the information recorded from the user is ballot selections.

3. The kiosk of claim 1 wherein the storage device and recording device comprise a computer hard drive.

4. A voting apparatus comprising:

a computer to process ballot information and selections;

a storage device to retain ballot information, the storage device being operably connected to the computer such that the computer may access the ballot information;

5 a recording device to record ballot selections, the recording device being operably connected to the computer such that the computer may control the recording of ballot selections;

output devices to provide ballot information to a voter, the output devices operably connected to the computer such that the computer transmits ballot information to the output devices to be provided to the voter, the output devices comprising;

10 a first output device, wherein the voter perceives information from the first output device using a first sense; and

a second output device, wherein the voter perceives information from the second output device using a second sense different than the first sense;

15 input devices to receive ballot selections from the voter, the input devices being operably connected to the computer such that the input devices transmit ballot selection received from the voter to the computer, the input devices comprising;

a first input device wherein the voter inputs ballot selections via the first input device using a first physical action; and

20 a second input device, wherein the voter inputs ballot selections via the second input device using a second physical action different than the first physical action.

5. The voting apparatus of claim 4, wherein the first output device and the first input device comprise a touch sensitive screen.
6. The voting apparatus of claim 5, wherein the output devices further comprise a third output device wherein the voter perceives information from the third output device using a third sense, the third sense being different that the first sense and the second sense.
7. The voting apparatus of claim 5, wherein the input devices further comprise a third input device, wherein the voter inputs a ballot selection via the third input device using a third physical action, the third physical action being different than the first physical action and the second physical action.
8. The voting apparatus of claim 6, wherein the input devices further comprise a third input device, wherein the voter inputs a ballot selection via the third input device using a third physical action, the third physical action being different that the first physical action and the second physical action.
9. The voting apparatus of claim 5, wherein the recording device comprises a computer hard drive.
10. The voting apparatus of claim 5, wherein the recording device comprises a printer.

11. A voting apparatus comprising:

a frame further comprising:

a base, the base having at least two legs capable of temporarily extending outwardly in opposing directions, with a wheel attached to each of the telescoping legs;

vertical rods extending upward from the base capable of temporarily extending upward;

a canopy portion affixed to the vertical rods opposite of the base, the canopy portion affixed to the vertical rods such that the canopy portion is raised when the vertical rods are temporarily extended upward;

a box mounted on the frame, the box comprising:

a top face affixed to the canopy portion of the frame, the top face being capable of raising with the canopy portion of the frame;

a back face affixed to the frame such that the back face remains stationary when the canopy portion is raised, the back face abutting the top face without being permanently secured thereto;

a left face affixed to the frame such that the left face remains stationary when the canopy portion is raised, the left face abutting the top face without being permanently secured thereto and the left face abutting the back face;

a right face affixed to the frame such that the right face remains stationary when the canopy portion is raised, the right face abutting the top face without being permanently secured thereto and the right face abutting the back face opposite from the left face;

a front face hingedly affixed to the top face, the front face abutting the left face and the right face without being permanently affixed thereto, the front face capable of being

folded over the top face and raised with the canopy portion of the frame and;

an interior defined by the top face, the back face, the left face, the right face, and the front face;

a computer to process ballot information and selections;

5 a storage device to retain ballot information, the storage device being operably connected to the computer such that the computer may access the ballot information;

a recording device to record ballot selections, the recording device being operably connected to the computer such that the computer may control the recording of ballot selections;

10 ballot output devices to provide ballot information to a voter, the output devices movably affixed within the interior of the box and operably connected to the computer such that the computer transmits ballot information to the output devices to be provided to the voter, the output devices comprising;

15 a first output device, wherein the voter perceives information from the first output device using a first sense; and

a second output device, wherein the voter perceives information from the second output device using a second sense different than the first sense;

input devices to receive ballot selection from the voter, the input devices movably affixed within the interior of the box and operably connected to the computer such that the input devices transmit ballot selections received from the voter to the computer, the input devices comprising:

20 a first input device, wherein the voter inputs ballot selections via the first input device using a first physical action; and

a second input device, wherein the voter inputs ballot selections via the second input

device using a second physical action different than the first physical action; and

wherein the canopy portion, top face, and front face are temporarily raised to allow a voter to access the input devices and the output devices within the interior of the box.

12. The voting apparatus of claim 11 wherein the first output device and the first input device
5 comprise a touch sensitive screen.

13. The voting apparatus of claim 12 wherein the recording device comprises a computer
hard drive.

14. The voting apparatus of claim 13 further comprising:

a first compartment within the interior of the box, wherein the computer, the
10 recording device, and the storage device are located within the first compartment;

a first door allowing access to the first compartment through the back face;

a second compartment within the interior of the box, wherein the second output device and the
second input device are stored therein when the voting apparatus is not in use; and

a second door allowing access to the second compartment through the back face.

15. The voting apparatus of claim 14 further comprising a space in the interior of the box
15 between the first compartment and the second compartment, wherein the input devices
and the output devices may be positioned therein while the voting apparatus is in use.

16. The voting apparatus of claim 15 further comprising:

an auxiliary input device to receive ballot selection from peripheral devices provided by a voter.

17. The voting apparatus of claim 16, wherein the input devices and the output devices are movably positioned using at least one adjustable position support arm.

18. The voting apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a telescoping curtain rod affixed to the canopy portion such that the curtain rod may be extended outwardly from the canopy portion and a curtain affixed thereto to substantially obscure a voter using the apparatus from others.

19. The voting apparatus of claim 18 wherein the input devices further comprise a third input device, wherein the voter inputs a ballot selection via the third input device using a third physical action, the third physical action being different than the first physical action and the second physical action.

20. The voting apparatus of claim 19, wherein the output devices further comprise a third output device, wherein the voter perceives information from the third output device using a third sense, the third sense being different than the first sense and the second sense.